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SUBJECT: REPORTED SALE OF US FIGHTER PLANES TO PERU

1. NEED EARLIEST POSSIBLE CLARIFICATION UPI AND LATIN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS OF ARRIVAL IN PERU OF FIVE AMERICAN-MADE A-37 FIGHTER PLANES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO PERUVIAN AIRFORCE. STORIES IN THIS MORNING'S LA PAZ PAPERS (EL DIARIO-UP, HOY-LATIN) WILL SURELY INSPIRE SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN PUBLIC MEDIA AND BY GOB OFFICIALS REGARDING US INTENTIONS.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPEATED ASSERTIONS THAT ADMINISTRATION IS OPPOSED TO ARMS BUILDUPS OF ANY KIND, PLUS ROSALYN CARTER'S ASSURANCES TO ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS THAT U.S. "UNDERSTANDS" THEIR CONCERNS (SIMILAR TO THOS OF BOLIVIA) OVER PERUVIAN ARMAMENT ACQUISITIONS, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SHADOWED IF NOT DISCREDITED BY THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTS UNLESS THEY ARE QUICKLY AND CAPABLY EXPLAINED IN CONTEXT OF OUR PROCLAIMED PRINCIPLES.

3. WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE. SCAFE

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